

REMARKS

Drawing requirement

The Examiner has required that the present application be amended to contain one or more drawings.

Applicant is confused by this requirement. This application, which was a national stage of PCT/EP2003/007233 published as WO 2004/005206 A1, already contains two sheets of drawings which seem to fully illustrate the invention.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the drawing requirement or a more detailed expression of how FIGS. 1 and 2 of the PCT application as filed fall short of the drawing requirement for this application.

Allowable claims

Claims 24 to 27 have been indicated allowable if drafted in independent form.

Amendment to claims

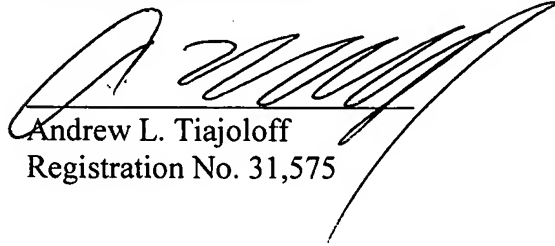
Claims 24 and 26 have here been amended to incorporate the language of claim 1 and are now believed allowable.

All other pending claims, claims 3 to 8, 22 to 23, 25 and 27, have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from allowable claims 24 or 26, and therefore are believed to be allowable as well.

New dependent claims 28 to 36 have been added. Claims 28 to 35 generally track the other allowable dependent claims, but depend from claim 26 instead of 24. New dependent claim 36 is similar to claim 26 before amendment, but depends from claim 24.

Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone attorney for applicants
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Respectfully submitted,

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